

## **N386      *Field Border***

### **Purpose**

1. To protect soil and water quality.
2. Reduce erosion from wind and water.

### **Applicability**

Applies around the perimeter of fields; can support or connect other buffer practices within and between fields.

### **Erosion Requirements**

Practice has no erosion requirements.

### **Specifications**

The completed practice must meet the NRCS Standards and Specifications for Critical Area Planting (342), Field Border (386), and Forage Harvest Management (511) contained in the Field Office Technical Guide.

### **Policies**

1. Only the acreage converted from cropland to permanent vegetative cover is eligible for the out of production incentive for this practice.
2. The field borders can be hayed or mowed according to the Forage Harvest Management (511) standard. Limited grazing is allowed as incidental use when crop field residue is being grazed after harvest.
3. Land coming out of CRP would not qualify for the incentive.
4. When field slope exceeds five percent, end rows shall be eliminated and crops shall be planted on the contour.
5. The maximum width for the incentive is 60 feet; minimum width is 30 feet. In areas where the field exceeds 60 feet, the incentive rate will be based on 60 feet.
6. The field border cannot encompass more than 25% of the entire acreage contained in the applied field.
7. Field borders can be utilized for minimal equipment use when conditions allow.
8. ***Cost-share is authorized for:***
  - a. A one time out of production incentive.
  - b. Assistance to establish the field border will be based on the Critical Area Seeding grouped component.
  - c. Fields that currently contain small grain/ row crops are eligible to have a field border established.

**Maximum State Cost-Share**

1. Assistance for components is limited to 75% of the county average cost, not to exceed the state average cost.
2. A one time out of production incentive can not exceed \$600 per acre.

**Map Requirements**

A map that displays the completed practice must be scanned and attached as a "Map Document" in MoSWIMS prior to contract payment submission.

**Technical Responsibilities**

Technical staff has the responsibility for determining the need for the practice, for design of the practice based upon the minimum extent necessary, and to certify that the completed practice meets NRCS standards and specifications within commission policy.

**Acres Served**

Acreage of drainage.

**Extent Installed**

Acres planted.

**Maintenance Life**

10 years.